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PATENT APPLICATION
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Attorney Docket No. 071308.0475

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Title Sealing Device and Method

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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- Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Specification [Total Pages 14]
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 - Claim(s)
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(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
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- Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
- CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
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 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of (when there is an assignee) Attorney
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12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
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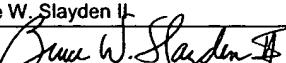
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Filing Date	October 15, 2003
First Named Inventor	Karl Smirra
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1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 770	2001 385			Utility filing fee	770.00
1002 340	2002 170			Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265			Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385			Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80			Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$ 770.00)			

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	17	-20** =	<input type="text"/>	X	<input type="text"/>	=	0
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Multiple Dependent							

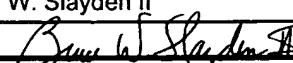
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Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$ 0)

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1051 130	2051 65			Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25			Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130			Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520			For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55			Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210			Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475			Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740			Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005			Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165			Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145			Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665			Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665			Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240			Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320			Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130			Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50			Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40			Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 770	2809 385			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385			Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900			Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____					
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